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REPRODUCTION METHOD, AND SYSTEM INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on November 28, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Supplemental European Search Report dated August 16, 2006 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04818238.0-2223, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 672 637;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0141741 to ZOU et al., which was published on October 3, 2002;
- (3) International Publication No. WO 01/04743; and

- (4) PENG et al., "Digital television application manager," Multimedia and Expo, 2001, ICME 2001, IEEE International Conference on August 22-25, 2001, Piscataway, NJ, USA, IEEE, August 22, 2001, pages 685-688, ISBN: 0-7695-1198-8. Applicants note that the page numbers of this article was indicated as 1207-1210 on the Supplemental European Search Report. However, on an available copy of this article, which is provided herewith, the page numbers are 685-688, and these page numbers are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplemental European Search Report.

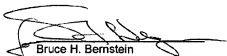
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplemental European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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